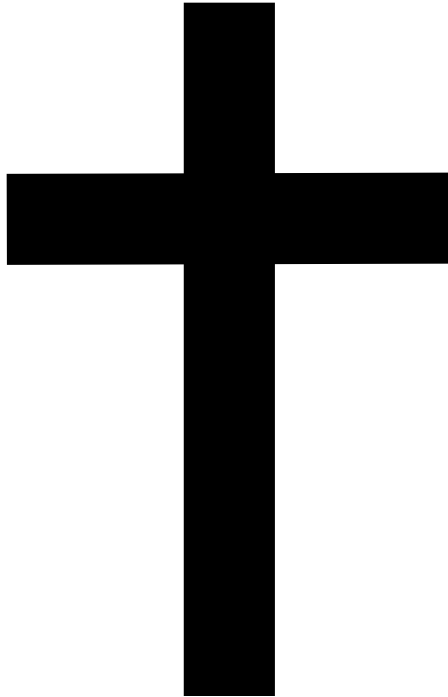


The Covenant Renewal Service

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The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 21, 2021

Welcome

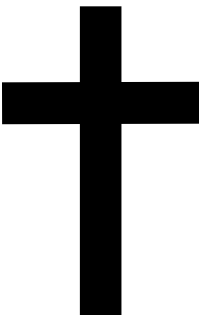
If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please find the registration book in the foyer of the church and help us serve you better by leaving your name and contact information. We promise to keep this information confidential and only use it for personal contact with you and your family.

We have suspended **Christian education** classes for all ages for a time because of the virus pandemic.

If you are unfamiliar with **our form of worship**, please feel free to speak with one of the Pastors or Elders. We have resources that will help you understand the biblical rationale for why we worship the way we do. Pastor Meyers has written a short guide to our worship. You can find a copy at the Guest Book table in the foyer. Visit our website for articles, essays, and other helpful information on our worship and life at www.providencestlouis.com.

The **Lord's Supper** is observed every Sunday as the climax of covenant renewal worship. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the elders of this local church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor before or after the service. **Note:** The middle circle of cups in each tray contains grape juice, the larger outer ring contains wine (the grape juice has a darker color than the wine).

The Simple Cross (*Front Cover*)



During Lent this year we will display a simple, unadorned cross on the front cover of our bulletins. This will remind us of God the Son's climactic act of service for humanity. He allowed his arms to be stretched out on the cross bar, and his feet were nailed to the tree. Thus he voluntarily gave himself up to death for the sins of his people. Paul tells us that the Gospel is "the message of the cross. . . to us who are being saved is the power of God"(1 Cor. 1:18).

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — March 21, 2021

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 150*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeff Meyers

The Entrance

Prelude

Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Silent Preparation [kneeling]

Call to Worship: *Psalm 100:4*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Hymn #1 "All people that on earth do dwell"

Trinity Hymnal

PSALM 100

William Kethe, 1561

THE OLD HUNDREDETH L. M.

Louis Bourgeois, 1551

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell,
2. The Lord ye know is God in - deed;
3. O en - ter then his gates with praise,
4. For why? the Lord our God is good,

Sing to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; Him serve with fear, his
With - out our aid he did us make; We are his folk, he
Ap - proach with joy his courts un - to; Praise, laud, and bless his
His mer - cy is for ev - er sure; His truth at all times

praise forth - tell, Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.
Name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, And shall from age to age en - dure. A - MEN.

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: **Amen!**

Matthew 28:19

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

Our help is in the Name of Yahweh

Psalm 124:8

Who made heaven and earth!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Faithful God, our heavenly Father, your promises stand unshaken through all generations; renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert, watching for the glorious coming of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

Purification

Choir Meditation "I caused thy grief"

Offertory "I caused thy grief"

(second service) Choir

I caused thy grief and sighing
By evils multiplying
As countless as the sands.
I caused the woes unnumbered
With which thy soul is cumbered,
Thy sorrow raised by wicked hands.

The load thou takest on thee,
That pressed so sorely on me,
It crushed me to the ground.
The cross for me enduring,
The crown for me securing,
My healing in thy wounds is found.

A crown of thorns thou wearest,
My shame and scorn thou bearest,
That I might ransomed be.
My Bondsman, ever willing,
My place with patience filling,
From sin and guilt has made me free.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1648; tr. John Kelly, in Paul Gerhardt's *Spiritual Songs* (London: 1867).

Music: Paul Manz, 1956; Joanie Harris, organ.

†Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us kneel and humbly confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of Christ our Savior to grant us forgiveness: [*Congregation kneels*] Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God, since you have given your one and only Son to die for me, have mercy on me and for his sake grant me forgiveness for all my sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in me true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your Word, so that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence, and

take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of

Thy sal - va - tion; and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

†Pastor: Now lift up your heads, arise, and hear the good news. . . !

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Al - le - lu - ia'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the treble staff.

Ascension

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so.

†Truly it is good, right, and beneficial that we should give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. You graciously invite your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to us as the children of God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing . . .

†The Sanctus

with vigor
fff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts! Hea-ven and earth are
 full of Your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the High - est! Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

The image shows a musical score for 'The Sanctus'. It consists of three staves. The first staff is in treble clef and starts with a 'with vigor' instruction. The second and third staves are in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves. There are triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of notes in the first and second staves.

The Hebrew Scripture Reading: *Isaiah 42:1-9*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *1 Timothy 5:1-10*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

A Lenten prayer "Lord, who throughout these forty days"

1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and pray,
 2. As you with Sa - tan did con - tend, and did the vic - t'ry win,
 3. As you did hun - ger and did thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,
 4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through your Pas - sion - tide,
 5. A - bide with us, that through this life of doubts and hope and pain,

teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
 O give us strength in you to fight, in you to con - quer sin.
 to die to self, and so to live by your most ho - ly Word.
 for - e - ver - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at last at - tain!

†The Gospel Reading: *John 13:1-20*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!
Praise be to you, O Christ!

†We Confess our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God,
 Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made;
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made:**

**Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
 and was made man; and was crucified also for us
 under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried;
 and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
 and ascended into heaven,**

and sits on the right hand of the Father.

**And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living
 and the dead whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and
 glorified; who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

Sermon Text: *John 13:1-20*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Sermon: **I HAVE GIVEN YOU AN EXAMPLE**

XLI. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

The Tribute Offering

†[*Hands Raised*] Doxology

†Offertory Prayer & Congregation: **Amen!**

The Prayer of the Church

†Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the Church and the world. Almighty God, our Father, you have taught us in your Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with your Spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy name may in the truth of your holy Word, live in unity and godly love. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer!

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially Joe Biden, our President, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, govern with integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue.

We ask You to hear us, O Lord.

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all you have commanded:

We ask You to hear us, gracious Lord.

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or

any other adversity [*the congregation may add their petitions here*].

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer!

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, age after age.

Amen!.

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Lord's Supper

Hymn #361 "Zion, to thy Saviour singing" *Trinity Hymnal* (2nd service)

Pastoral Benediction

†The Song of Simeon (*Nunc Dimittis*): Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy Word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

†Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: **And his mercy endures forever!**

Pastoral Prayer: Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #444 "Father, I know that all my life"

Trinity Hymnal

†Lenten Charge: *1 Peter 5:5b-11*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

Welcome to Providence Presbyterian Church, especially those who are visiting with us for the first time today. If you are visiting, please leave your name, postal home address, and email address in the guest book in the foyer. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with one of the pastors or elders.

Announcements

Good Friday Vespers Service — We will have our traditional Good Friday Vespers Service on Friday, April 2, at 7 PM.

WIC Variety Show — On April 17, 2021 WIC is hosting a Variety Show & Dinner in the fellowship hall at church. This event is for the whole family!!! The doors will open at 4 PM and the show will start **promptly** at 4:30pm, snacks (popcorn & peanuts) will be available during the show. Out of courtesy for the performers who are working hard to put on an awesome show for everyone we ask that everyone be seated and ready for the show by 4:25 PM The show will last about an hour and will be followed by a short cocktail time (beer & wine) on the patio. We will then have dinner catered by Andre's at 6pm followed by dessert. There is a sign up sheet on the WIC table, if you plan to attend, the last day to sign up is March 28, 2021. If you are signing up for your family please indicate how many are in your party.

Ladies Book Discussion Meeting — The book discussion group will meet on the first Monday of April. We will meet at the home of Dottie Devlin (11299 Manchester Road #6 63122) on Monday evening, April 5, at 7 pm. We will be discussing *The Lake House* by Kate Mor in April instead of *Middlemarch*. At present, we plan to discuss *Middlemarch* at the September meeting.

Help Needed Moving — Cassie Linton will need help moving on Saturday, March 27. She also needs a truck to move a few larger items. Please contact her for more information and if you are able to help (cmipod0509@gmail.com).

Ladies Bible Study — Ladies, please join us on Thursdays at 9:30 AM for ladies Bible study. Pastor Meyers is teaching us out of the book of Philippians! We meet in person in the same Sunday school classroom as usual. We will continue to have Zoom for those unable to attend. We still are unable to have babysitting services at this time.

Distribution of Palms — Next Sunday, our young children** will distribute palms at the beginning of the second service, while the Children's Choir and Adult Choir sing their anthem. That day the children** should arrive at 10:25 to line up and receive their palms. (**Children from age 2 through Grade 1, except for those in the Children's Choir.)

Children's Choir Special Rehearsals — Today the Children's Choir will rehearse their Palm Sunday anthem with the Adult Choir right after the second worship service, in the choir loft. Next Sunday (March 28), the Children's Choir should report to the choir loft at 10:20.

Church Directory — We are working on an updated directory. If you are visiting with us (not yet formally a member) but plan on staying with us, we would love to include you in our directory. We've not been able to have a new members class this year because of the virus craziness. Please send your contact information and a picture to Randy Stone.

Skogen Family Out of Town — Pastor Skogen and his family has been out of town on vacation. They return Wednesday this week.

Men's Bible Study — The next Tuesday evening Bible study will meet on Tuesday, March 23, at 7 PM. Pastor Meyers will be teaching and leading discussions on the life of Abraham (Genesis 12-25). This week we will finish up Genesis 14 and also look at Genesis 15.

Church Calendar

Today	Morning services at 9 and 10:45 AM No Sunday school
Monday, Mar 22	Session Meeting at 7 PM
Tuesday, Mar 23	Men's Bible Study 7 PM
Wednesday, Mar 24	Wednesday Morning Prayer 7:30 AM
Sunday, Mar 28	Palm Sunday
Friday, Apr 2	Good Friday Service at 7 PM
Saturday, Apr 17	WIC Variety Show 5 PM

A Simple Church Year Catechism

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Q. 21. How should we pray during Lent?

A. During Lent we confess our sins and ask God to help us change our ways.

Q. 22. Why does the church call this season "Lent"?

A. Lent is an old English name for Springtime.

Q. 23. Why does the season of Lent last 40 days?

A. Because in the Bible God often tests people for 40 days or years and gives them a chance to repent and change.

Q. 24. What are two important examples of this time of testing in the Bible?

A. Israel was tested for 40 years in the wilderness before they entered the Promised Land and Jesus was tested for 40 days in the desert.

Q. 25. Why does God test us?

A. God tests our faith to make us steadfast and mature Christians (*James 1:2-4*).